

Claims 1-5, 7-23, 55, and 56 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1-13 and 26 -28 of Burton *et al.* U.S. Patent 5,652,348. See June 21, 2002 Office Action, page 3.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and note that the October 18, 2002 Amendment and Reply addressed this rejection. Thus, Applicants herein reiterate the arguments set forth in the October 18, 2002 Amendment and Reply. Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and not to acquiesce to the rejection, Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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